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FRENCH PEACE PLAN LUKEWARM RECEPTION IN LONDON BELIEVED IMPRACTICABLE

London, To-day.

France's all-Europe security plan received a lukewarm reception in the morning papers, which generally urge the British Government to resume its efforts to bring the Powers together for the purpose of devising a European settlement.

The *Daily Telegraph* declares that the French proposals in part are wholly impracticable. Recent experience of international complications has made it clear that a police force contributed to by all nations is a notion that has only the most remote relation to actual conditions in Europe. The French reply throws back upon the British Government the task of exploring a path to negotiation. Until negotiations can be begun the several visions of a pacified Europe are as mocking mirages.

The *Daily Herald* says that the immediate problem is to prepare the way for a collective effort to incorporate the French and German plans and such other proposals as other nations may contribute into a practical and generally acceptable whole.

The Times says that doubts will be felt as to whether all the French suggestions are practicable. Europe can hardly be described as ripe or ready for large renunciations of sovereignty as demanded, but the suggestions as a whole constitute an elaborate and far-reaching plan, not to be met with purely destructive criticism but to be examined together with the German proposals. At the present moment, however, the immediate problem must be to clear away obstacles in the way of the discussion of a permanent organisation for ordered peace. — Reuter.

NO ENTHUSIASM FOR NEW FRENCH PLAN

"Omelette With Added Eggs"

Geneva, To-day.

The French plan has generally had an unfavourable reception in Geneva, where it is regarded as visionary, ambitious and impracticable. French quarters exhibit no enthusiasm, and German quarters regard it as artificial and insincere. Most of the comments compare the plan to an omelette with added eggs, implying that it includes all the lost causes for the past 10 years. — Reuter.

LORDS DEBATE OPENED

International Affairs Discussed

LORD PRIVY SEAL ON GERMAN ACTION

London, To-day.

The leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords, Lord Snell, raised the question of the international situation yesterday afternoon. Lord Halifax, intervening in the debate, said that discussions on the Italo-Abyssinian dispute were taking place at Geneva and he was not in a position to add anything to what the Foreign Secretary had said on Monday, when he had emphasised the need for the cessation of hostilities and the restoration of peace. Lord Halifax agreed with Lord Snell that it was not until the two vessels were almost on top of one another that they swerved in a last-minute attempt to avert disaster. Both ferries were packed with office-workers returning to and from lunch.

When it was seen that a collision was unavoidable nearly all the passengers on the Kowloon-bound ferry rushed to one side, causing a dangerous list, while several women fainted. They were soon revived, however, and suffered only from slight shock.

It was later ascertained that only superficial damage was done to the ferries, which took fully 20 minutes to cross the harbour.

FERRY COLLISION

Incident In Harbour During Fog

ONLY SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE

(From Our Own Correspondent)

The thick fog which spread a blanket over the harbour an hour or so before noon to-day was responsible for the 12.55 p.m. Star Ferry from Hong Kong being involved in a minor collision with the corresponding ferry from Kowloon, although only a glancing blow was struck.

Visibility was so poor that it was not until the two vessels were almost on top of one another that they swerved in a last-minute attempt to avert disaster. Both ferries were packed with office-workers returning to and from lunch.

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The coming training is intended to provide the field officers with a common political thought, and thus ensure peace and stability in this province.

CLYDE AND ALBION SHARE EIGHT GOALS

Imperial Delegates To Meet Next Year

London, To-day.

Communications are now passing with the Dominions Governments as regards the possibility of arranging an Imperial Conference in London at the time of the coronation next year, said Lord Hardington (C, West Derbyshire), Parliamentary Secretary to the Dominions' Secretary, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, in the House of Commons yesterday. — Reuter.

The depression has moved east-north-east and is now centred over the Straits of Korea. Pressure has increased rapidly over China, where a moderate anti-cyclone has developed; it continues relatively low over Indo-China. Light southerly winds, freshening later from north-east; cloudy with mist, fog or light rain, cooler, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

WEATHER REPORT

Shanghai, To-day.

Mr. E. G. Berrien, a prominent American connected with the British American Tobacco Co., Ltd., was found dead in his apartment yesterday with a revolver at his side. He left a note saying that he was despondent after an attack of influenza. He was not married.

Mr. Berrien was a native of Texas, 52 years old. He returned from home leave on February 10. — Reuter.



Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, left, is shown with Edward F. McGrady, Assistant Secretary of Labour and a labour trouble mediator, after an all-night parley with union and realty representatives in an effort to settle last month's New York building and service strike.

FRANCO-SOVIET PACT BACKGROUND

IMPORTANT BLUE BOOK PUBLISHED IN LONDON

London, To-day.

A Blue Book of nearly 100 pages, and reproducing in part or in whole about 60 documents — despatches, telegrams, minutes, treaty provisions and communiques — illustrating some aspects of the diplomatic discussions directed towards a European settlement upon which the British Government was engaged between June, 1934, and March of this year, was published yesterday.

The discussions cover the negotiations for an Eastern Pact and the proposal for a Franco-Soviet Treaty and the subsequent exchanges regarding the validity of the proposed treaty with the Treaty of Locarno. They also include negotiations for an air pact and air limitation.

With regard to the Eastern Pact two important points emerge from the document:—(1) That the original French proposal was considered inadequate by the British Government in that the suggested guarantees were not given on equal terms to Germany and that this defect was remedied as the result of the Anglo-French conversation; and (2), that it was on learning at Stresa from a communiqué published in Berlin on April 14, 1935, that the German Government would enter into an Eastern Pact of non-aggression notwithstanding the fact that some of the other parties might conclude arrangements for mutual assistance that the French Government decided that there was no further reason why they should not proceed with the negotiation of the Franco-Soviet Treaty. (Continued on Page 12)

Canton, To-day.

Six divisional commanders, two brigade commanders and four chief-of-staff to the three Kwantung armies were invited to a dinner last night at the mansion of General Chen Chi-tang, Commander-in-Chief of the First Group Army, prior to enrolment for advanced political training at the Kwantung Political and Military Academy at Yin Tong.

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Rangers Extended

London, To-day.

Three matches in the First Division of the Scottish League were played yesterday. Clyde holding Albion to a draw in their away fixture, sharing eight goals, while Hibernian won their away fixture against Kilmarnock by the only goal.

The Scottish League leaders, the Rangers, just managed to win their home match against Queen O'South by the odd goal in three.

The band of H.M.S. Dorsetshire was in attendance.

SYSTEMATIC PLANE ATTACK

DUCE'S FIERY ADDRESS TO MINISTERS

"ABYSSINIA MUST BE ANNIHILATED"

— CHINA MAIL "SPECIAL"

Addis Ababa, To-day.

The following official statement was issued yesterday:

"According to reports received from Quoram, Italian planes have flown over the entire northern front and dropped liquid poison gas along the entire line. The number of victims, especially among the civil population, is very high."

Rome: "Complete security for the Italian colonies can only be attained by the complete annihilation of Abyssinia's armed forces," stated Signor Mussolini at a meeting of the Council of Ministers, which was unexpectedly held yesterday.

"This annihilation is inevitable. It will not be long before it is accomplished. The wonderful victory of the Italian troops at Lake Ashangi over the Abyssinian armies, which have been trained, equipped and armed by Europeans, has brought Italy nearer to its goal of the security of her colonies for which she had to resort to arms when Abyssinia mobilised." — Trans-Ocean Service.

MANY CHIEFS SUBMIT

Rome: Marshal Badoglio reports that the Italian troops are harassing the remnants of the Emperor's troops and that the peoples have rebelled against the Ethiopian rule. Many chiefs have submitted with their relatives, and life in the territories occupied by the Italians is now normal. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

PRINCIPLES OF NATIONALISM

Great Campaign For China

START TO BE MADE IN CANTON

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day. Government newspapers, radio stations, lectures, booklets, leaflets and all available means will be utilised to give extensive publicity to the principles of nationalism as sponsored by Messrs. Hu Han-min and Hsiao Fu-chen, veteran Kuomintang leaders.

All towns and hamlets in Kwangtung will be thoroughly imbued with nationalism through the foregoing agencies. Essentially the masses will thus be awakened to the possibility of making a China and the occupation of the four and a half northern provinces.

Indirect methods to inculcate these principles into the minds of the people are stage plays, talking pictures, songs and story-telling.

Lecturers will be hired to give talks on nationalism in public places, trains, tow-boats, junks etc. Government schools will have courses in this subject, to be conducted by history teachers and Kuomintang directors.

Messrs. Hu and Hsiao are of the opinion that to save China the patriotic instincts of the people must be aroused. A start is to be made in Canton, whence the movement will radiate to all parts of the country. These Kuomintang leaders want to make Canton the political and patriotic centre of China.

U.S. AND CHINA

Closer Financial Arrangements?

Washington, To-day. Mr. Henry A. Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, will resume his conversations with the Chinese bankers, which will continue for several days.

He said that the bankers came here on his invitation to exchange information on a mutual monetary policy, adding: "A closer working arrangement between China and the United States on financial problems is contemplated." — Reuter.

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Telegrams conveying Easter Greetings and bearing the paid service indication "XLT" will be accepted by the Hong Kong Government Radio Office for transmission via Radio to the places mentioned below during the period from 6th to 13th April 1936, both dates inclusive.

Philippine Islands Newfoundland United States Great Britain Hawaiian Islands Germany Canada.

The charge for this class of telegrams will be based on One Third of the ordinary rate with a minimum charge for two words. Further particulars may be obtained on application to the Radio Office.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

On Friday, April 10, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon and the other Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

On Saturday, April 11, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the other Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

On Monday, April 13, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the other Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays. One delivery of Registered correspondence at 11 a.m. on Friday April 10; at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday April 11; and at 10 a.m. on Monday April 12.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

INWARD MAIIS.

FROM EUROPE

Haruna Maru (Air Mail ex K.L.M. Service) " 10

FROM U.S.A.

Emp. of Russia " 9
Pres. Hoover " 10
Pres. Hayes " 10
Pres. Grant " 10

FROM SHANGHAI

Emp. of Russia " 9
Pres. Hoover " 10
Andre Lebon " 10
Pres. Hayes " 10
Hakozaki Maru " 10
Tatsuta Maru " 10
Talichimba " 10
Pres. Grant " 10
Gen. Lee " 10
Naldera " 10

FROM MANILA

Emp. of Russia " 9
Pres. McKinley " 10
Tjikembang " 10
Agamemnon " 10
Changte " 10
Kitano Maru " 10
Helens " 10

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Haruna Maru " 10
Dedan Maru " 10
Bhutan " 10
Tilawa " 10
Kutang " 10

FROM AUSTRALIA

Changte " 10
Kitano Maru " 10
FROM JAPAN

Emp. of Russia " 9
Pres. Hoover " 10
Pres. Hayes " 10
Tango Maru " 10
Hakozaki Maru " 10
Tatsuta Maru " 10
Tottori Maru " 10
Gen. Lee " 10
Naldera " 10
Pres. Grant " 10

ALLEGED VIOLATION OF GAS CONVENTION EVIDENCE ADDUCED IN NOTE BY BRITISH DELEGATION

The Committee of Thirteen yesterday empowered Senor de Madariaga and M. Avenol to see Baron Aloisi to discover the Italian attitude as regards the cessation of hostilities. The Committee also decided to appoint a small committee of jurists to examine the point whether the question of a violation of the gas convention is within the competence of the Committee or should be dealt with by the Council of the League.

The United Kingdom delegation communicated a note as to the alleged Italian use of poison gas, based on statements by Ethiopians and non-Ethiopians. The evidence of the British Red Cross officer, Dr. Melly, the British Ambulance officer, Dr. McFie, the Irish doctor, Dr. Brophil, and the statement of Dr. Junod of the International Red Cross, were submitted, showing that they treated many cases of wounds from the use of gas. The Committee of Thirteen, after a session lasting 2½ hours, adjourned until 4 p.m. to-day.

EDEN'S IMPATIENCE
If the efforts of Senor de Madariaga and M. Avenol did not result in an agreement to negotiate for the cessation of

OUTWARD MAIIS.
FOR EUROPE

R.M.A. Dorado (Imperial Airways direct Service) " 9
Closes: Reg. 5 p.m. Ord. 8.15 a.m.
Andre Lebon (via Marseilles) " 10
Closes: Reg. 9.45 a.m.
Ord. 10.30 a.m.
Pres. McKinley (via Victoria) " 10
Closes: Reg. 11.15 a.m. Ord. Noon
Hakozaki Maru (via Marseilles) " 10
Emp. of Russia (via Vancouver) " 16
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Naldera (via Marseilles) " 18
Closes: Reg. 9.45 a.m.
Ord. 10.30 a.m.

FOR SOUTHERN ASIA AND INDIA

Hakozaki Maru " 10
Naldera " 10

FOR SHANGHAI

Haruna Maru " 10
Pres. McKinley " 10
Emp. of Russia " 16

FOR JAPAN

Eokujo Maru " 10
Haruna Maru " 10
Press. McKinley " 10
Emp. of Russia " 16

FOR MANILA

Emp. of Russia " 9
Pres. Hoover " 9
Pres. Hayes " 9
Tjikembang " 10
Pres. Grant " 10

FOR U.S.A.

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FOR AUSTRALIA

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Hakozaki Maru " 10

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CIVIL STRIFE DECREASE

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Lord Willingdon bade farewell to the House of the Assembly yesterday for the last time as Viceroy. The House was crowded; but the members of the Congress Party were absent. In his speech Lord Willingdon deplored the courtesy shown to him by the Congress Party as the representative of the King Emperor, but apart from this he said he was leaving with happy memories.

He expressed gratitude for the help and assistance given to him by the Assembly, and was confident that peace and prosperity would crown the future of India.

He regretted the increasing unemployment among educated Indians. This should be attacked at its source and ways devised in education whereby Indian youths would be more fitted for the work available in India.

He was glad that the civil strife had decreased immensely within the last few years, and wished the leaders of the people that disputes must be settled by legal and peaceful means. Lord Willingdon concluded with the wish that his successor would find his work in India as pleasant as he had found it.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

SILK TRADE IN ENGLAND

Severe Competition By Japanese

London To-day. The imposition of a quota on foreign silk is favoured by British silk interests, who have addressed a protest to the Government regarding the competition of Japanese silk, which is being imported into Britain for printing and dyeing around £1 a yard. Since at this price it can compete with the better qualities of British rayon, which largely relies on the home market, rayon producers are also supporting this action. The view of the silk trades is that increased duties will not meet their requirements.—Reuter.

At the usual weekly meeting of the Manuk Lodge of the Theosophical Society, Mr. A. F. Knudsen, International Lecturer of the Society and Presidential Agent for the Far East, will give a public lecture on "Man's Higher and Lower Self" in the Lodge Room, Hong Kong Club Annex, 1B, Charter Road at 6 p.m. to-day. All who are interested are welcome.

DISSATISFACTION IN ROME

Rome: Mr. Eden's recent statement in the House of Commons and the British demand that hostilities cease before peace negotiations can be initiated cause rising bitterness here, since, from the time that the military operations have taken such a favourable turn, many people believe that Addis Ababa will be captured before the beginning of the rainy season.

The common opinion appears to be that there can be no question now of interrupting the Italian advance and negotiating peace on the basis of the League of Nations' proposals.

Concerning Mr. Eden's assertion that Italy, after declaring her willingness to negotiate peace, had increased her military activities, the *Giornale d'Italia* writes that the Battle of Asmara was undoubtedly due to the initiative of the Negus, who had hoped thus to turn the wheel of fortune in his favour. The paper regrets that Mr. Eden is evidently "not taking the necessary precaution and precision of facts into account before arriving at a decision."—Trade Reuter.

ROBED OF SLEEP BY RHEUMATISM

Her Back Felt as if it Would Break

A woman's gratitude at being rid of "such dreadful pains" caused her to write this letter:

"I used to have such dreadful pains in my knees, ankles and shoulders, to say nothing of my back, which used to feel as though it would break. I had no peace, especially at night, but since taking Kruschen Salts for a few weeks only, I feel a different woman, thank goodness. I have no pains now. I feel much brighter and better in every way, and so shall continue with Kruschen regularly."—(Mrs.) M. H.

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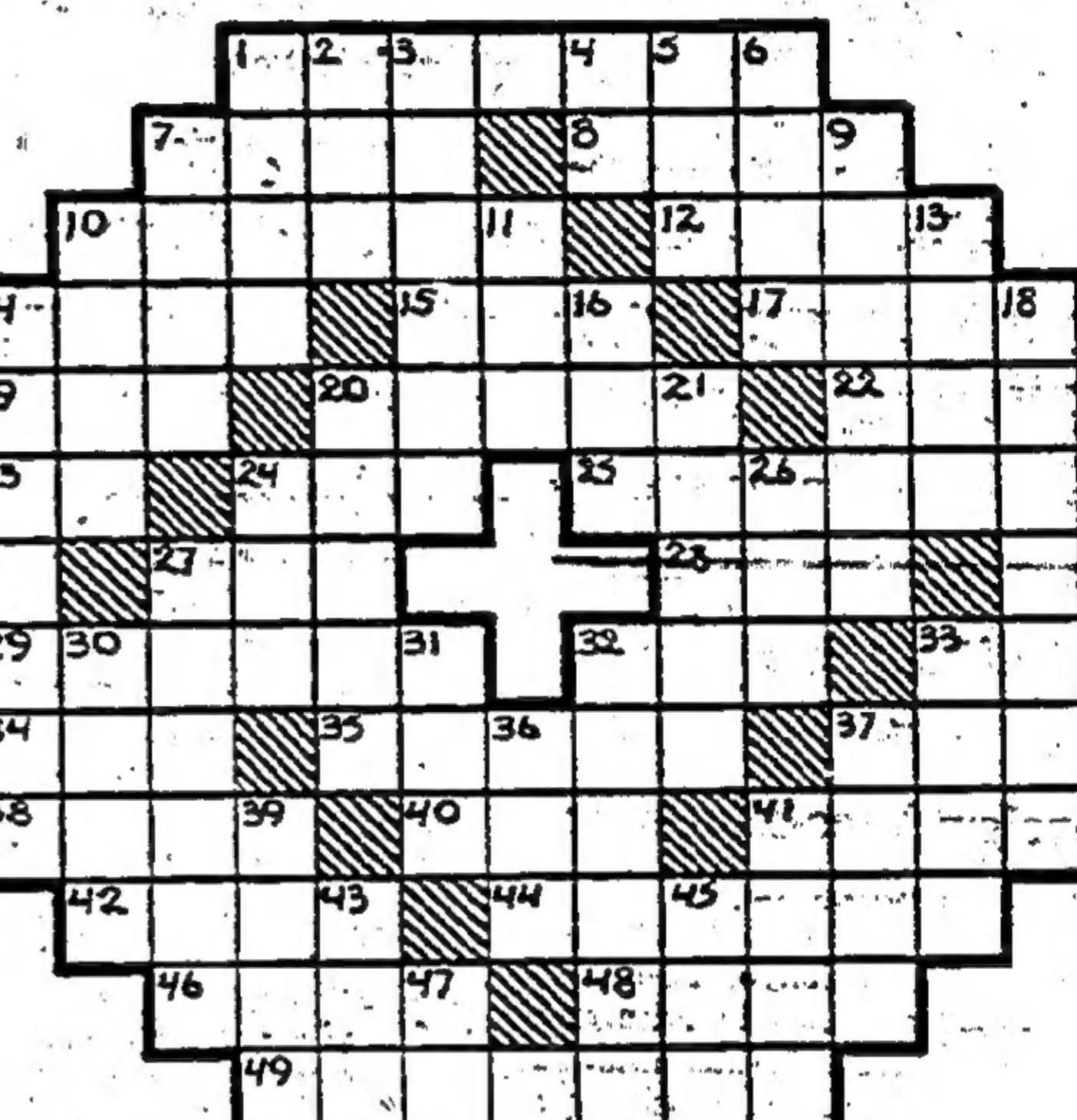
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



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NARCOTICS IN CHINA

No Recommendations By The League

London.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. A. C. Moreing (C. Preston), Lord Cranbourne, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated that as far as the Foreign Secretary was aware, the Opium Advisory Committee of the League of Nations had made no formal recommendations to the Chinese Government.

His Majesty's Government received from time to time reports from His Majesty's Ambassador in China on the situation with regard to narcotics there, and the measures taken by the Chinese Government in that connection.

Reuter.

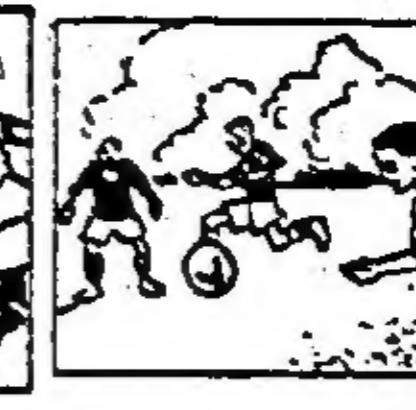
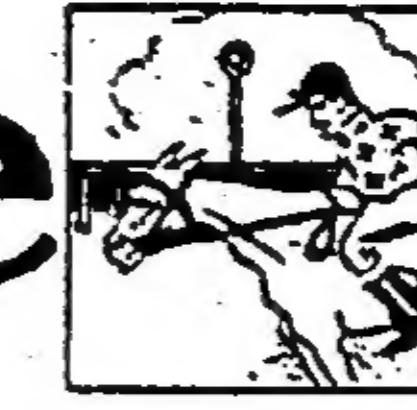
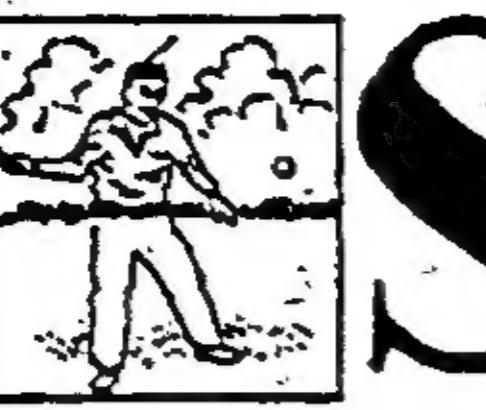
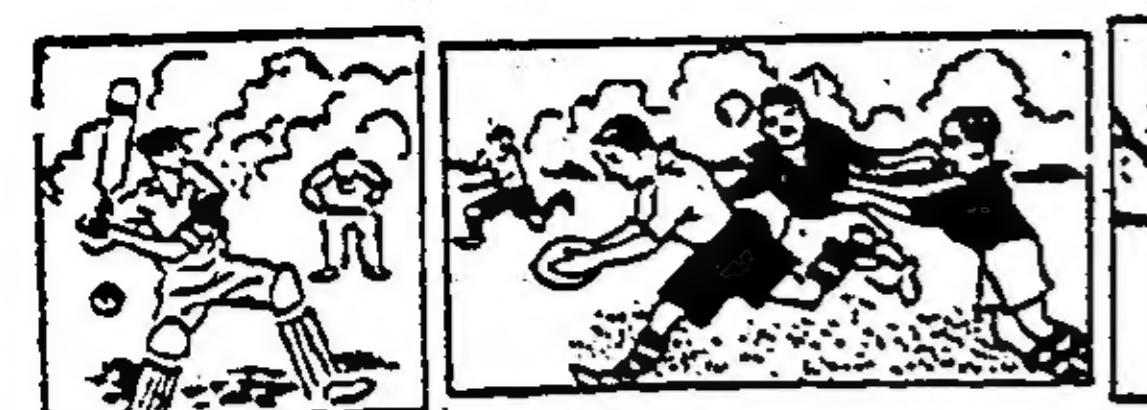
1-Natives of China	1-VERTICAL (Cont.)
2-The raccoon	3-A dance
3-Refuse from wine	5-Lucid
4-In a greater quantity	13-Tube of a firearm (pl.)
5-Permit	16-Condensed moisture
6-Lessee	18-Without end
7-Small pastry	20-Grieved
8-Interdicts	21-Segments
9-Army Ordnance Dept.	24-Prefic: Thrice
10-Trust	25-Utter
11-Permitted	27-Reconciled
12-Interdict	30-Close by
13-Advised (abbr.)	32-Noise by
14-Gives pleasure to	34-Content
15-Explains	35-Noisy sleeper
16-Explains	36-Nocturnal flying mammals
17-Certain	37-Decay
18-Sheer	37-Fondies
19-Japanese coin	38-Girl's name
20-Musical note	39-Policeman (slang)
21-Part of the foot	40-Gardian implement
22-Advised (abbr.)	41-Inborn
23-Beam	42-Type measure
24-The whole	43-Pip-pen
25-Pip-pen	44-Perched
26-Exist	45-Epochs
27-Lion (Lat.)	46-A coin
28-Bury	47-Goff-mound
29-Extravagant stories	48-Before
30-Venture	49-Venture

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in Saturday's issue.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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SENIORA	ENACTS
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MAS	SOIREES

Sporting Page



YTHAN & THE GORILLA FAVOURED FOR SATURDAY'S DOUBLE



CHINESE OLYMPIC SOCCER TRIAL SHANGHAI PLAYERS ON VIEW TO-DAY DISORGANISED LEAGUE FIXTURES

(By "Referee")

THE proposed departure for the North on April 22 of the All-China Olympic football team and their subsequent trials in Hong Kong have completely disorganised the First Division League soccer programme and the senior Chinese teams, South China "A" and "B" and the Athletic are making a great endeavour to play off all their remaining fixtures before their departure.

The Chinese Clubs have succeeded, however, in arranging for their outstanding games to be played off on week days during the next fortnight, so that South China "A" should be able to retain their premier division championship as well as participate in the Olympic trials.

Several outstanding performers from North China have arrived in the Colony within the last few days and the majority of these will be seen in action this afternoon in an Olympic trial game against the Navy at Caroline Hill, commencing at 5 p.m.

Among the well-known players are Suen Kam-shun, the former Athletic inside-left and Shanghai Interporter, Lee Ning, also a Shanghai Interporter, and "Darkie" Chan, the former Athletic and Shanghai Interporter left-half and wing.

(Continued on Page 8)

The following are the Chinese teams' revised fixtures:

NEXT SATURDAY

Club v Athletic (Club, 4.45 p.m.).

S. China "B" v Kowloon (Caroline Hill, 4.45 p.m.).

Fusiliers v South China "A" (Sookkumpoo, 4.45 p.m.).

NEXT SUNDAY

"Kotewall Cup" Final (Sookkumpoo, 4.15 p.m.).

NEXT MONDAY

Recreio v Athletic (Caroline Hill, 5.15 p.m.).

Club v South China "B" (Club, 5.15 p.m.).

NEXT WEDNESDAY

S. China "A" v Athletic (Caroline Hill, 5 p.m.).

TO-DAY WEEK

Chinese Olympic Team v Navy or Army (Caroline Hill, 5 p.m.).

TO-MORROW WEEK

S. China "A" v Rifles (Caroline Hill, 5.15 p.m.).

SATURDAY WEEK

S. China "B" v Police (Caroline Hill, 4.45 p.m.).

Rifles v Athletic (Sookkumpoo, 4.45 p.m.).

SUNDAY WEEK

Chinese Olympic Team v Rest of Colony (Caroline Hill, 4.45 p.m.).

GOOD LEAGUE SOCCER CARD ON SATURDAY

Athletic's Strong Challenge

NAVY AND SAPPERS IN JUNIOR CLASH

(By "Referee")

The outstanding feature of this week-end's League football programme is the appearance of South China "A", "B" and the Athletic on Saturday, and the final of the Kotewall Cup on Sunday, when South China encounter the Royal Navy at Caroline Hill.

The Club, who encounter the Athletic on Saturday will be at full strength with L. G. Robertson occupying the right-back position instead of G. Hill, who is still on the injured list, while the intermediate and forward lines will remain as before.

The Athletic, however, will be bringing three newcomers into the team in the persons of Cheung Wing-choy, the Three Cultures' goalkeeper from Shanghai, Suen Kam-shun, at inside-left, and Darkie Chan, on the left-wing.

Strange's Task

Contrary to expectations, Suen will be occupying his most dangerous position, but Ernie Strange, the Club's left-half, should prove equal to the occasion.

The game is likely to be a very fast one with the odds in favour of the Europeans, who have at last found the right combination and tactics to combat the wily Chinese forwards.

POLICE TENNIS TITLES

The Police Recreation Club lawn tennis singles championship was decided last Tuesday afternoon when G. Carruthers beat J. Galvin in straight sets, the scores being 6-2, 6-3. Carruthers had, on the previous day, won the doubles title when, partnered by J. Johnson, he beat D. Fitches and S. G. Smith by 2-6, 7-5 and 6-4.

Extras

Total

Bowling Analyst

Col. Lightfoot, b Murphy

L/Cpl. Wilby, b Elvin

Sgt. May, b Whitehead

Lt. J. Walsh, c Bevan, b Elvin

Lt. Thompson, c Williams, b Elvin

Capt. Kimm, b Elvin

Capt. Power, b Murphy

L/Cpl. Muir, b Whitehead

L/Cpl. Munro, b Elvin

Pte. MacKey, not out

Extras

Total

Bowling Analyst

Lt. Murphy, Pte. Baker, Edan

Coaster, Edan, Cox, Pte. Bevan and

Edan. Bottling did not bat.

Bowling Analyst

O. M. R. W.

Power 6 0 24 0

Apps 4 0 20 0

Thompson 4 1 11 1

May 3 0 21 1

Lightfoot 3 0 21 1

Walch 2 1 10 0



G. H. "Pete" Bestwick, popular American gentleman rider, rode Castle Irwell in the Grand National. Pete, who trained Castle Irwell himself, was optimistic over his chances in the turf classic, but his supporters were disappointed. He is here shown "up" on his entry.

ROVER'S FORECAST

REFEREEING LAX AND PLAY DANGEROUS

S. China "A" Defeat East Lancs.

SOLDIERS' POOR FINISHING DECIDES ENCOUNTER

(By "REFeree")

The deplorable finishing and positioning of the East Lancs team cost them two points yesterday in the First Division of the Football League, when they lost to South China "A" by four goals in a game featured by lax refereeing and dangerous play.

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FIRST DIVISION

Goals

Club	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
S. China "A"	21	17	4	0	66	24	34
Athletic	21	12	2	7	39	21	31
Rifles	20	9	4	6	53	23	26
S. China "B"	20	9	3	8	40	29	25
Fusiliers	20	9	4	7	40	34	26
Eastern	20	12	8	5	47	27	23
Rifles	21	8	6	7	43	31	26
St. Joseph's	22	8	12	2	39	59	18
East Lancs.	18	7	9	2	33	36	16
Railway	20	6	10	4	28	34	16
Rifles	20	6	13	1	33	44	13
R.A. (Lyemen)	21	2	17	2	33	64	16
R.A. (Sters)	24	1	20	3	16	95	5

Total ... 282 115 115 52 559 559 282

SUNDAY

FIRST DIVISION

Athletic v Police (Sookkumpoo, 2.15 p.m.).

KOTEWALL CHARITY CUP COMPETITION

South China "A" v Navy (Sookkumpoo, 4.30 p.m.).

Monday

FIRST DIVISION

Recreio v Athletic (Caroline Hill, 5.15 p.m.).

Club v South China "B" (Club, 5.15 p.m.).

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION

Athletic v Police (Sookkumpoo, 2.15 p.m.).

KOTEWALL CHARITY CUP COMPETITION

South China "A" v Navy (Sookkumpoo, 4.30 p.m.).

Mainlanders' Halves At Fault

WINGERS NOT USED TO BEST ADVANTAGE

(By "ROVER")

In a First Division League

soccer game on the Kowloon

ground yesterday the Navy beat

the Kowloon Football Club by 4

goals to 2.

Two factors contributed greatly

to Kowloon's defeat, firstly,

the inability of their wing-halves

to keep the opposing wingers in

check and the frequency with

which they were caught out of position, and secondly, the failure of

the mainlanders to use their

wingers to more advantage.

It is true that Hornbill, on the

left wing, saw more of the ball

in the second half, but this player

was not on his best form and was

guilty on numerous occasions of

trying to beat his man instead of

centring sooner. W. Knox, on the

opposite wing, was completely

starved.

Staunch Defenders

The gallant display of Elvin,

the pivot, and Everest and Eastman,

the two backs, saved Kowloon from

a much heavier defeat, and on

them fell the brunt of the afternoon's work. Elvin's task was made

all the harder by lack of assistance

from his wing-halves.

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ILLIARDS INTERPORT

According to a Canton paper, an interport billiard contest between

Canton, Hong Kong and Macao

will be held in Canton on April 15

and 16.

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TO-MORROW'S AND MONDAY'S FIXTURES

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Below will be found the Home soccer fixtures for to-morrow and Monday, which are in addition to the usual Saturday programmes, Andy Ducat's forecast of which will be found on page 7 of this issue. There are no Scottish League fixtures over the Easter Holidays.

TO-MORROW

FIRST DIVISION	
Arsenal	v West Brom.
Aston Villa	v Wolves
Blackburn	v Liverpool
Bolton	v Preston
Chelsea	v Derby
Everton	v Brentford
Grimshay	v Stoke City
Manchester C.	v Leeds
Portsmouth	v Huddersfield
Wednesday	v Middleboro'
Sunderland	v Birmingham
SECOND DIVISION	
Blackpool	v Southampton
Burnley	v Manchester U.
Bury	v Bradford
Doncaster	v Sheffield U.
Notts Forest	v Hull City
Plymouth	v Norwich
Port Vale	v Swans
Tottenham	v Fulham
West Ham	v Charlton
	v Leicester
THIRD DIVISION (South)	
Aldershot	v Newport
Bristol R.	v Luton
Cardiff	v Northampton
Clapton	v Bournemouth
Crystal P.	v Reading
Gillingham	v Southend
Millwall	v Brighton
Queen's P.R.	v Bristol C.
Watford	v Notts C.
THIRD DIVISION (North)	
Carlisle	v Wrexham
Chester	v Stockport
Crewe	v Southport
Harleypools	v Rotherham
Lincoln	v Chester
Mansfield	v Accrington
New Brighton	v Rochdale
Tranmere	v Halifax
Walsall	v Oldham
York City	v Barrow



Suen Kam-shun, above, the former Athletic star, will be seen in action this afternoon at Carline Hill, where a Chinese Olympic soccer trial is to be held.

FOOTBALL FORM GUIDE

Comprehensive Table Shows Form At A Glance

A COMPREHENSIVE guide to the form of all Clubs in the four premier English Football Leagues and the premier Scottish League will be found in the appended table. To assist in comparing the teams' details of how they have fared in their last five matches are given.

The letters W, L and D indicate matches won, lost and drawn, respectively. Games played at home are shown in capital letters, while away games are denoted by ordinary type. The figure in brackets denotes the position held by that team at the conclusion of last season, an asterisk denotes that that team has been promoted, a dagger that team has been relegated.

First Division

HOME

	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	
Sunland (2) DDLW	25	19	15	2	2	32	27	32	17	7	6	4	30	19	50	
Derby (6) wLWD	35	19	11	4	4	46	16	26	17	6	7	4	22	18	42	
Hud'bad (16) dWLL	35	17	10	2	5	27	13	25	19	6	9	4	24	35	61	
Stoke (10) LWLW	35	17	10	5	2	30	22	22	19	7	8	4	21	18	40	
Arsenal (1) DDDD	35	18	7	4	7	36	20	21	17	6	5	31	21	17	38	
B'ham (19) WwLID	35	18	8	4	6	31	20	21	17	5	7	5	19	21	37	
Preston (11) dWwWL	35	18	12	3	3	29	16	27	18	3	11	4	27	10	57	
Man'ter C. (4) dWWW	35	18	11	4	3	31	10	25	18	4	10	4	24	12	37	
*Brent'f. (4) -DWWD	35	18	8	6	4	43	22	26	18	5	7	6	26	16	36	
*Bolton (3) LWLwD	35	19	8	6	3	25	27	21	18	3	7	8	22	14	35	
M'rough (20) DWLW	35	18	11	5	2	47	16	24	18	4	11	3	28	37	11	55
P'mouth (14) LIWLI	35	17	11	3	3	32	19	25	19	3	13	3	17	33	9	34
Liverpool (7) LWLTD	35	21	11	3	3	32	22	25	15	1	7	1	11	32	9	34
Everton (8) dWwLW	35	20	11	3	3	36	23	25	17	4	11	2	26	40	10	34
W. B'wich (3) LWLW	35	21	11	3	3	46	23	25	17	4	11	2	27	40	9	34
W'day (3) WwDwD	35	19	3	5	3	26	22	23	17	3	10	4	23	37	10	33
Chelsea (12) LWLW	35	18	9	5	4	27	27	22	16	4	9	3	17	22	11	33
Leeds (13) dWwW	35	16	11	2	3	42	19	23	16	3	14	2	16	42	8	32
Wolves (17) LW-LD	35	19	10	6	3	42	19	23	16	3	11	2	29	53	14	51
A. VIII (3) DIWwI	35	18	7	5	3	34	20	18	19	6	11	2	29	53	14	51
Black's (15) WIDIL	35	18	9	5	2	27	22	22	18	1	13	3	17	53	5	27

Second Division

HOME

	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	
W. Ham (3) LwWwD	35	19	12	2	5	37	18	29	17	8	7	2	29	37	18	47
W'ster U. (5) WDwD	35	19	12	2	4	43	16	28	17	6	5	1	19	17	45	
*Charlton (2) dWwI	35	20	14	1	5	47	18	33	16	4	8	4	22	32	12	45
S'feld U. (11) DDDw	35	18	13	1	4	44	22	30	18	5	8	5	24	30	15	45
Thack' (3) dLwWw	35	18	11	2	5	23	27	27	17	6	4	4	23	26	16	43
*L'ster (-) WDwD	35	18	13	1	4	46	20	30	17	4	10	3	23	27	11	41
Plymouth (8) WwWwI	35	18	13	3	2	31	19	28	18	4	9	5	18	24	13	41
Fulham (7) WwWwD	35	18	10	2	6	42	22	26	16	3	2	1	21	31	11	35
Bury (10) DDDw	35	18	9	3	6	35	20	24	16	3	8	1	21	31	10	35
Blackpool (5) DWLW	35	19	11	5	3	52	32	25	17	4	11	2	22	31	10	35
N'castl (6) dWwLW	35	19	11	5	3	52	21	26	16	4	11	1	20	23	9	35
Norwich (1) WdWwD	35	19	10	5	3	46	19	30	16	5	7	4	20	26	14	44
St'ford (20) WwDwD	35	16	10	5	3	40	22	23	17	5	4	5	25	18	41	
St'for' C. (20) WwDwD	35	16	10	5	3	47	15	25	18	7	10	1	26	31	15	40
*Brad's (15) WwWw	35	19	11	4	4	42	27	26	16	2	11	3	13	28	7	41
S'ampton (14) WwWw																



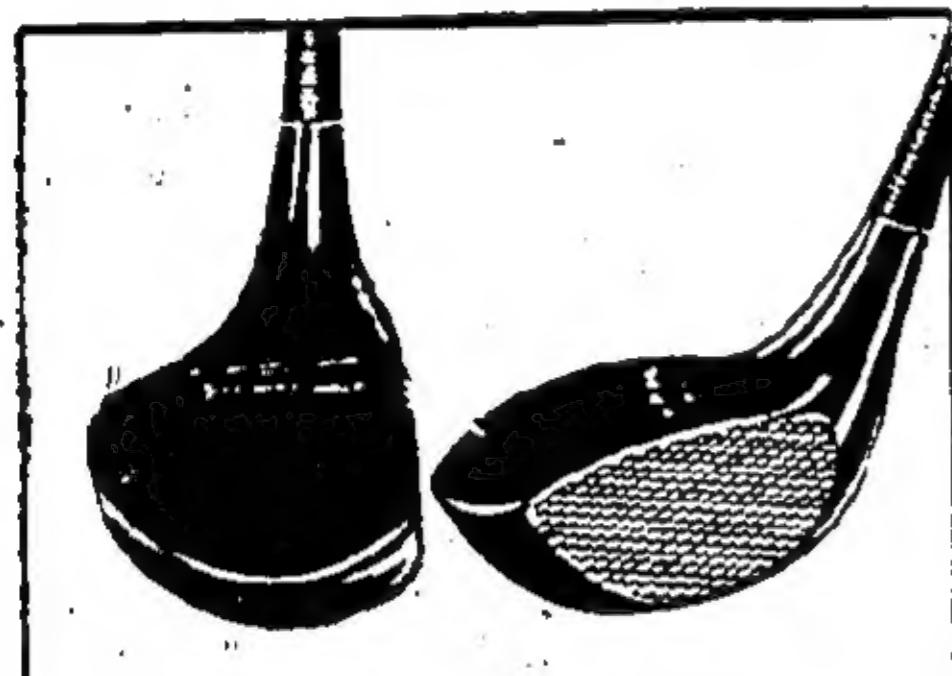
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Church And State

The rejection of the Revised Prayer Book by the British Parliament in 1928 revealed anew a somewhat anomalous position in the relations of the Church and State in England. The rejection displayed the fact that in the respective claims of what should be the two organs of the community engaged in a common spiritual task, the State, with its claim to sovereignty within its own borders, takes precedence in law over the Established Church, claiming to control in its own manner "all matters of doctrine and ritual uncontrolled by any authority not based upon members of the Church"—in other words, that the Church has not spiritual freedom. Many will remember with regret the angry passions aroused by the controversy at the time. Parliament witnessed the unusual procedure of party affiliations being abandoned in favour of a free vote according to conscience in the division. Some very remarkable speeches, both for and against, were made, and the final result was the rejection of the proposed measure.

On February 6, 1930, when passions had been allowed to cool, the Church Assembly passed a resolution as follows:

"That whereas, in the words addressed to the Church Assembly on July 2nd, 1928, by Archbishop Davidson, with the concurrence of the whole body of Diocesan Bishops, 'it is a fundamental principle that the Church, that is, the Bishops together with the Clergy and Laity, must in the last resort when its mind has been fully ascertained, retain its inalienable right, in loyalty to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to formulate its faith in Him and to arrange the expression of that Holy Faith in its form of worship';

"It is desirable that a Commission should be appointed to enquire into the present relations of Church and State, and particularly how far the principle stated above is able to receive effective application in present circumstances in the Church of England, and what legal and constitutional changes, if any, are needed in order to secure its effective application and that the Archbishops be requested to appoint a Commission for this purpose."

That Commission was duly appointed and has recently issued its report, signed by all the Commissioners without reservation. It may therefore be taken to represent the sober and considered opinion of the Church, no less than of all those who have the welfare of the Church at heart.

It is noteworthy that the Commission does not recommend Disestablishment—with which, no doubt, most laymen will be in agreement. One of His Majesty the King's titles is "Defender of the Faith," and it is surely desirable that the ancient Faith of the peoples of the land should continue to represent the State religion while conferring absolute freedom of conscience on the individual members of the lay masses. The nation as a whole was surely enabled to give outward expression to its loyalty to the late King by the religious services held throughout the length and breadth of the land no less than overseas; and that expression would undoubtedly have lost much of its dignity and solemnity if it had been entirely divorced from official religious observances.

As far as the Legislative proposals of the Commission are concerned, a distinction is drawn between ordinary administrative measures and measures relating substantially to the spiritual concerns of the Church of England. A new procedure is proposed which would do away with the needs of the Church.

EXPLANATION OF TO-DAY'S CARTOON

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WHEN only 5 years old, Lupe of McAllen, Texas, fell beneath a train and both his arms were severed at the shoulders. Despite his great handicap, Lupe has outshone his more fortunate fellowmen in swimming, wrestling, and football. Three times while swimming in the great irrigation canal near his home, Lupe has saved many of his pals by grabbing their bathing suits with his teeth and pulling them to shore. But the most outstanding of his rescues was in West Springfield, Mass., in July 1934. He was with a crowd of swimmers near the Agawam River, when he heard a cry for help. Plunging in the water, he quickly reached the drowning youth, who grabbed Lupe in choke hold and pulled both of them down. Then Lupe broke away and as they came to the surface, he was able to get the exhausted boy across his shoulders and bring him ashore.

JEWISH RABBIS' VISIT

Meeting With Leaders Desired

Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin and family, of Los Angeles, will be arriving in Hong Kong by the a.s. President Hoover to-morrow morning.

Rabbi Magnin is the most prominent Jewish leader and radio broadcaster in California, and is in charge of the Wilshire Boulevard Tabernacle, Los Angeles. He will remain in Hong Kong until the sailing of the a.s. President Hayes on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock, and during his stay here, he is desirous of meeting the leaders of the various Jewish communities.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS

London, to-day.—It was announced in the House of Commons yesterday, in answer to a question put to the Dominions Secretary, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, that the Government hoped it might be possible to arrange for the Imperial Conference to take place in London next year at the time of the coronation.—British Wireless Service.

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LOST JOKES

Sir John Simon, who represented the Government at last month's debate on the Licensing Bill, kept throwing his head back and laughing heartily during Mr. A. P. Herbert's speech.

Other members who were sitting farther away did not join in the merriment. They were unable to hear what Mr. Herbert was saying.

From the Galley it was very difficult to follow the speech. Mr. Herbert has a jerky style, and drops his voice when he comes to the point of a joke.

One remark which did float up to the Gallery was that it is more difficult to become a publican than a parson—because a publican has to show proof of seven years' good character.

JUDGED ON FACE VALUE

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"Well," said the one who made the suggestion. "I thought we should get on better if we got off, but we should have been better off if we had stayed on."

Fishermen Dream Of It

As Americans was telling an Irishman: "The fish are so numerous in one river in the States that the folks there just drop a pail into the water, and pull it full of fish."

"Well, now," said Pat, "do you know that in the River Liffey, in Ireland, if the people want a pail of water they have to push all the fish out of the way before they can get the pail in?"

Nothing But The Truth

Candidate: "Now, my friends, you don't want to buy a pig in a poke. Vote for me and you'll get the genuine article."

To-day's Complete Short Story

THE FADED SKID

The Missing Dirt-Track Rider
an expert could skid?" Hawke demanded of Benger.

"Absolutely!" Harry Benger wrinkled his narrow forehead. "I understand Gwyer feels, but I've got to admit I don't hold out much hope of poor Whirler being still alive. In our game we get rather careless at times. I've seen Whirler take this corner at sixty-five, and I've seen him skid within an inch of that fence before. I'm afraid—"

He left the rest unsaid, but his expression was enough.

Dixon Hawke walked over to the powerful motor bike that was propped against the inside of the bend.

SATURDAY'S STORY

Another adventure of Dixon Hawke—The Third Generation—will appear in Saturday's editions.

It was the very machine the missing man had been riding when last seen.

The running-board on the near side was grimed with dirt.

One handle-grip was rubbed through to the metal inside, and both hubs looked as though they had been scraped along the ground.

"Will you show me exactly where you found this, Mr. Benger?" he asked, and the diminutive rider and placed it on its side close to the hole in the fence.

"Just there! Here you can see the marks of my own wheels when I jammed on my brakes and skidded. I came upon it suddenly. Only just had time to stop myself."

"H'm! Loughran had gone some time before you thought to follow him?"

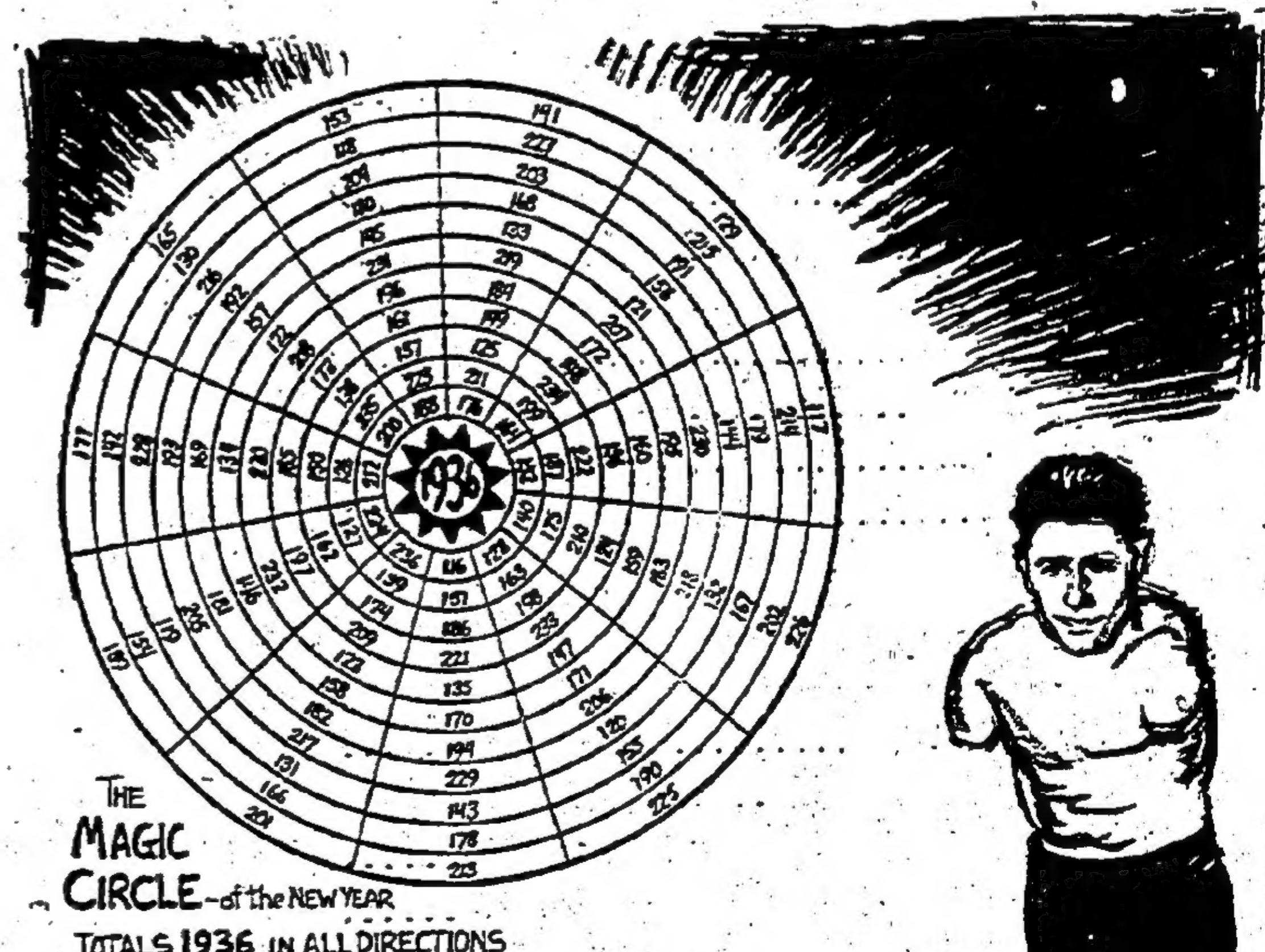
"About half an hour. I was tuning my machine in the garage we share at Mr. Gwyer's place. He got away before me, and I told him to wait for me at the top. He said he'd probably make two or three climbs before I came, as he wanted to improve his acceleration a bit. I came blinding round this curve and nearly ran over his back wheel."

Benger stepped back and nodded grimly to Tommy. He had not left much to their imagination.

Hawke walked around the prostate machine, examining it from more than one angle, then turned his attention to the fence, which had been a stout wooden one.

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Bolton v SUNDERLAND	Bradford C. v WEST HAM	Airdrie v MOTHERWELL
BRENTFORD v Grimsby	Burnley v Norwich	Arbroath v CELTIC
DERBY v Leeds	CHARLTON v Nottingham	AYR v Dunfermline
EVERTON v West Brom.	FULHAM v Southampton	Clyde v HEARTS
H'DERSFIELD v Birmingham	Hull v Blackpool	HAMILTON v Rangers
Middlesboro' v ARSENAL	M'CHESTER U. v Bradford	HIBERNIAN v Third Lanark
PORTSMOUTH v Chelsea	NEWCASTLE v Swansea	PARTICK v Dundee
PRESTON v Liverpool	PLYMOUTH v Bury	QUEEN'S Pk. v Kilmarnock
WEDNESDAY v Blackburn	Port Vale v SHEFFIELD U.	QUEEN O'S v St. Johnstone
WOLVES v Stoke	TOTTENHAM v Leicester	These fixtures are supplied by Reuter.

Teams in capital letters are favoured to win.

THIRD DIVISION (South)	THIRD DIVISION (North)
B'NEMOUTH v Bristol C.	ACCINGTON v Oldham
Bristol R. v Aldershot	Barrow v Carlisle
Cardiff v QUEEN'S P.R.	CHESTER v Darlington
CLAPTON v Swindon	CHESTERFIELD v Mansfield
CRYSTAL P. v Exeter	CREWE v Wrexham
Gillingham v WATFORD	LINCOLN v Gateshead
LUTON v Millwall	New Brighton v HARTLEPOOLS
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ROYAL SCOT'S BID FOR REVENGE

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I look to mistake Bay (Mr. Jack) to win this race in view of a consistently good form. Pontiacay (Mr. Choy Wing Chiu) is able to place again. Rose Queen (Mr. Deitz), despite its recently disappointing run, should not be neglected, as it is very fit at the moment. Another pony demoted from "A" Class, King's Justice (Mr. Harriman) carrying 163 lbs. as against 168 lbs. at the previous meeting, is another likely candidate.

New Bridge Handicap: Five Furlongs

In this sprint event for "A" class Australian ponies the draw position should be considered carefully. There are quite a few speedy animals among the entries.

Ip Kui Ying will have the mount on either Bobniak Star or

Shooting Star. Mr. Pih will ride Derby Day, and Mr. Deitz will

take out Honey, a recently promoted pony.

Stratroy (Mr. Black) has again been given top weight, but this could not be a serious handicap, as it ran very well at the last meeting.

Vixen Tor (Mr. Proulx) should not be neglected in spite of its previous disappointments. This pony possesses a very fast last quarter, and, if Mr. Proulx can get it away to a good start, I think it will be very near at the finish.

This race will probably be fought out between Derby Day, Bobniak Star and Honey, with Stratroy and Vixen Tor as outsiders.

Asian Handicap (First Section) Six Furlongs

The ponies to watch in this race will be King's Fancy (Mr. Pih), High Speed (Mr. G. U. Roza), Laughing Girl (Mr. Deitz) and Miracle (Mr. F. F. Li). King's Fancy failed very badly over the same distance at a previous meeting, but will probably be made favourite on past reputation. I think it will win, with a strong challenge coming from Laughing Girl and High Speed. Miracle will probably find the pace too fast.

Shekpa Handicap "A" Class Five Furlongs

I cannot see any pony to touch Soldier of Britain (Mr. Pih) in this race, and it should win with few lengths to spare. It will be remembered that Soldier of Britain won two races previously over the same distance. Diana Bay (Mr. Black) should take second place, with Gladiator (Mr. Ip Kui Ying) third.

Swatow Handicap (First Section) One Mile

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STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

This is the first leg of the Daily Double, and will be contested to "D" Class China ponies, despite a defeat at the previous meeting, Ythan (Mr. Black) looks good for this race, with Foxbridge (Mr. Pih) second, and Night View (Mr. Liang) third. Nothing much is known about Lemberg, and for those who prefer a long shot, a 5.00 bet each way may prove profitable.

St. George's Plate: 1 1/4 Miles

This race for Griffins of this season should provide an interesting finish. Without the assistance of a strong rider like Mr. Needa, cannot see Honeymoon Eve the Derby winner, repeating its previous successful runs—on both occasions it only managed to win from King's Lead by a short head. Bear Claw (Mr. Black) will probably find the distance too far, but Coolat Bay (Mr. Choy Wing Chiu) as a chance of being placed.

It will, however, be interesting to see how Royal Scot will fare in a fast track, and with an advantage of five lbs. I am inclined to believe that Mr. Harriman has a good opportunity of winning with the strongest challenge coming from King's Lead (Mr. G. U. Roza).

Kongmao Handicap: One Mile

This is the second leg of the Daily Double, and will require some hard thinking to connect with the winner of the fifth race, specially as both "Novice" riders will be on view. The Gorilla (Mr. Harris) after winning a race at the last meeting has been given the heavy burden of 168 lbs. Mr. Toy will take out Blue Ribbon, winner of the Tower Stakes at the Annual Meeting. Stopwatch (Mr. L. Ip) is a fast improving pony, and should place. The Gorilla is

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Pairings For Fanling Over Holidays

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling over the holidays:

OLD COURSE

9.20 a.m. S. T. Butlin, H. A. Mills,

C. C. Stark, C. E. Sandstrom.

9.28 J. F. Wright, S. S. Perry.

9.32 L. Goldman, R. L. S. Webb.

9.36 K. K. Rounds, I. H. Gear.

9.40 R. J. Shrigley, C. Austin.

9.44 A. C. I. Bowker, J. A. D. Morrison.

9.48 R. A. MacKinney, A. B. Reynolds.

9.52 O. J. Shannon, G. Marcella.

9.56 W. J. Waddington, C. D. Chapman.

10.00 F. C. B. Black, G. S. Chambers.

10.04 L. R. Cramer, S. S. Church.

10.08 E. M. Hyden, R. Young.

10.12 H. E. Stone, W. A. Cornwell.

10.16 D. Black, A. A. Bremner.

10.20 J. S. Dykes, F. M. Ellis.

10.24 H. S. Dinsdale, N. P. Fox.

10.28 J. A. Shaw, T. J. Draper.

10.32 H. G. Sheldon, C. C. Black.

10.36 H. A. Browning, W. E. Hunt.

NEW COURSE

9.28 a.m. F. H. Crapnell, G. B. S. Thomson.

9.32 Mrs. Crapnell, Mrs. Thomson.

OLD COURSE

9.20 a.m. J. Angwin, B. H. C. Hallowes.

9.24 O. J. Shannon, J. S. Dunnnett.

9.28 H. H. Pethick, T. B. Williams.

9.32 S. H. Dodwell, Lt. Cdr. Broome.

9.36 F. C. Young, R. C. Webb.

9.40 F. C. Mudie, C. C. Wilson.

9.44 E. L. Groome, F. A. M. Elliott.

9.48 J. Roger, R. Young.

9.52 J. W. Mayhew, I. H. Gear.

9.56 J. R. Mason, J. A. D. Morrison.

10.00 W. A. Stewart, F. M. Ellis.

10.04 J. F. Wright, A. Murdoch.

10.08 Lt. Cdr. Hovenden, Lt. Cdr. Keogh.

SUNDAY

9.25 a.m. G. S. Chambers, F. C. B. Black.

9.30 J. B. Mackie, F. A. Redmond.

9.35 F. M. Ellis, R. L. S. Webb.

9.40 W. A. Stewart, H. L. Lefond.

9.45 E. M. Bryden, T. R. Chassels.

9.50 J. W. Mayhew, W. N. A. Smalley.

9.55 H. H. Gear, K. S. Morrison.

10.00 G. B. S. Thomson, D. S. Edward.

10.05 H. H. Mundy, W. S. Hillier.

10.10 T. A. Pearce, P. H. Scowen.

10.15 Comdr. Hole, J. S. Dykes.

10.20 E. T. McMullen, D. A. O'Kieffe.

10.25 K. K. Rounds, R. Young.

10.30 D. L. Prophet, W. W. C. Shawan.

10.35 E. de Voeux, T. C. Monaghan.

10.40 W. J. Waddington, E. Taylor.

10.45 J. S. MacLaren, H. A. Mills.

10.50 A. Ritchie, C. H. Burton.

10.55 A. T. Lay, A. Sommerfeld.

11.00 P. Morrison, R. E. Collings.

11.05 T. R. Rowell, H. G. Washington.

11.10 Col. Blake, Capt. Michell.

11.15 H. Jusserand, Col. Matthews.

11.20 J. S. Dunnnett, F. H. King.

11.25 W. E. Hunt, H. A. Brown.

11.30 W. Sharp, A. A. Bremner.

NEW COURSE

9.28 a.m. A. Anderson, R. D. Evans.

9.32 H. N. Williamson, J. Angwin.

9.40 E. L. Groome, J. R. Way.

9.44 H. H. Pethick, A. M. Kirby.

9.52 W. L. Alexander, J. Harrop.

9.56 G. A. Stewart, C. Austin.

10.00 S. H. Dodwell, E. Davidson.

10.04 L. C. Mackay, R. H. MacGregor.

10.08 J. G. Cotesworth, N. P. Fox.

10.15 J. P. Lawrie, F. A. M. Elliott.

10.20 G. S. Hugh-Jones, E. Bathurst.

10.28 J. D. Kinnaird, J. MacKnight.

10.32 J. F. Wright, D. L. Newbigging.

10.40 A. McKinney, C. W. Jeffries.

10.44 W. T. Toxal, A. S. Adamson.

* Unsuccessful in ballot for Old Course.

MONDAY

OLD COURSE

9.24 a.m. C. C. Black, I. H. Gear.

9.28 J. H. B. Lee, H. A. Mills.

9.32 H. Laffond, F. M. Ellis.

9.36 R. Hancock, K. S. Morrison.

9.40 J. R. Masson, S. H. Dodwell.

9.44 H. H. Pethick, C. E. Sandstrom.

9.48 B. D. Evans, J. S. Dykes.

9.52 I. F. Wright, R. Kennedy.

9.56 E. L. Groome, T. Linda.

10.00 T. E. Powell, S. S. Perry.

10.04 Capt. Phillips, R. Young.

10.08 J. A. R. Selby, D. Forbes.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

There will be no publication of *The China Mail* to-morrow, Good Friday. Normal issues will be resumed on Saturday.

As a result of his recent indisposition and on the advice of his doctors, His Honour Mr. Justice E. E. Lindsell, Acting Chief Justice, will proceed for Home on leave on Saturday, April 18, instead of June as at first arranged, when Sir Atholi MacGregor, Chief Justice, who is at present in England, returns to the Colony.

The monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Aquarium Society was held last night in the Laboratory of the Hong Kong University when interesting talks were given on "Preparing a Breeding Tank" and "Subsidiary Inhabitants of an Aquarium."

Compelled to give up her work through ill-health, Miss E. L. Wakefield, who has been an employee of the Dollar Steamship Line for several years, is leaving for the States to-day on the *Bo-yu Maru*.

The monthly "Get Together" of the Australian and New Zealand Association was held at the Association's rooms, Gloucester Hotel, yesterday afternoon, when a number of members and friends of the Association met for tea.

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Responsive reading: Psalm 2.

Hymn 166. "Low in the Grave He Lay."—Congregation.

Scripture Reading: John 20:1.

Easter Messages in Song (Sung by the children of the Hostel):

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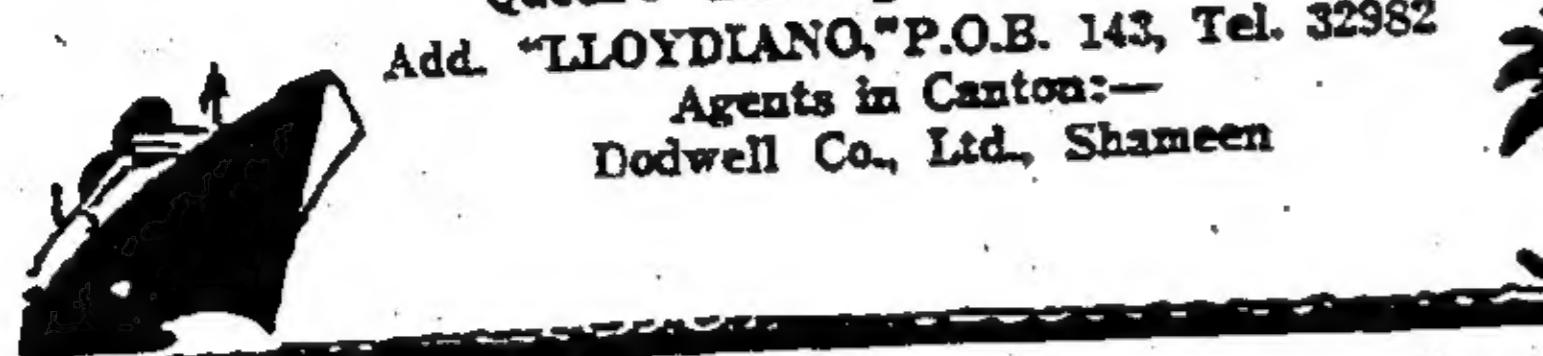
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THE FADED SKID

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Someone or something must have struck it with terrific force to have broken it in this fashion. The inference was that poor Loughran, hurt from his machine, had struck it with his body and so carried it away.

"What time does the tide come in?" demanded the detective suddenly.

"Nine o'clock in the evening. You mean — you mean you're convinced he went in the sea?"

Lovat Gwyer's eyes were pleading.

"I suppose you're right. I was foolish to bring you down here, but somehow — You know, Loughran and I were almost like brothers. We were brought up together. I inherited money, and he didn't. He had to earn a living and I was always well off.

"Yet no two men were ever fonder of each other than Tommy and I. And that's why it puzzles me that I have this feeling he isn't dead. You're expecting his body to be washed in by the tide?"

"On the contrary!" Hawke's voice made Tommy jump. "I'm not even considering the possibility of him being in the sea. I can assure you, he never went through that hole in the fence."

"What?" They all shouted at once. Three pairs of eyes were turned on him in startled amazement.

"This!" Hawke waved his hand — "this is all a fake. The fence was broken down by means of that piece of a tree trunk over there. You can see where the end is bruised. If the body of Loughran, hurled from his machine, had burst through the fence, it would have carried some of the timber over with it."

"But—but—"

"Then the motor cycle gives me another clue. You will notice that the two hubs have all been rubbed in the dirt. You know more about these things than I do, Mr. Benger, and you will agree that those four projections, all at different levels, could not plough up the track at once. The handle-bars and the running-board perhaps, but not the two hubs as well. They would be kept off the ground by the width of the running-board."

"Jove!" The professional dirt-track rider's face was a study. "You mean to say Tommy faked all this?"

"I don't say that," said the man from Dover Street. "Someone else may have done it. You saw nobody in the vicinity when you came up here half an hour after Loughran left you?"

"Not a soul, only the bike as I've described."

"Huh!" Dixon Hawke refused to say any more. They retraced their steps towards the town, and on the way down the famous detective kept his eyes glued to the cliff path. Not until they were outside Gwyer's house did he break the silence. "I think I shall have the man by to-morrow morning. I mean the man who has kidnapped Loughran."

Lovat Gwyer drew a deep breath. "You think — you think he was kidnapped?"

"Yes, and another time I will tell you why. I believe so. Now I will bid you good-night. But before we part, perhaps you could

tell me where I can purchase a strong rope. Perhaps I shall have to do some cliff-climbing to-night. I want a rope strong enough to trust my life to. Where can I obtain one?"

Gwyer pinched his brow. He was not a quick thinker. It was Harry Benger who jumped into the breach.

"In Bexhampton you can buy any kind of rope. I'll motor over and fetch you one, Mr. Hawke."

"Thanks very much. Please bring it to the Red Lion before dark. To-morrow I hope to have good news for you."

They parted. Lovat Gwyer walking like a man in a dream, the shorter Benger hurrying full speed towards the shed where he had left his motor-bike. Tommy Burke looked at Hawke almost in awe.

"Gosh, guv'nor, you work quickly! You already know who's kidnapped Loughran. How did you do it?"

"I didn't. I was partly bluffing when I said that, but in a short while I believe I shall know. Already I am certain that one of two men did it, and before to-morrow someone will have given himself away. There is work for you to-night, Tommy."

"Good!" The younger listened intently, and as he listened, his eyes grew wider. "Phew! So that's it. You trust me to see it through. I'll do just as you say."

They were in the middle of what the landlord of the Red Lion called "high tea" when Benger arrived with about eighty feet of stout rope. He refused to take any payment for it, saying that he was glad to do anything to help Hawke look for his missing friend. He wished to lend whatever assistance he could that night.

Dixon Hawke thanked him and sent him away. What was to be done he intended doing alone, he declared.

It was dark by the time they had finished their meal, and presently the two of them proceeded up the cliff and wandered along to where there was a sheer drop of several hundred feet to the waves below.

Hawke peered over the edge a good many times, sometimes shining a torch, and at last he came to a spot that seemed to suit him.

"We'll have a try here, Tommy," he said, and one end of the rope was made fast to a stunted tree, while the free end went down over the cliff.

Hawke removed his jacket, loosened his collar, and prepared for an arduous climb. Very carefully he lowered himself over the top of the cliff and disappeared from view.

Tommy waited beside the taut rope, his face tense with anxiety. Once or twice he glanced furtively over his shoulder.

Then suddenly came a terrible cry from the darkness below, and the boy rushed forward with leaping heart. He grasped the rope; it was slack in his grip. He pulled it in hand over hand, and about thirty feet of it came in. No more!

"It broke about halfway down. The guv'nor's gone!" Throwing himself down on the edge of the abyss he shouted himself hoarse.

"Guv'nor! Guv'nor! Guv'nor!" Only the sea-birds mocked him.



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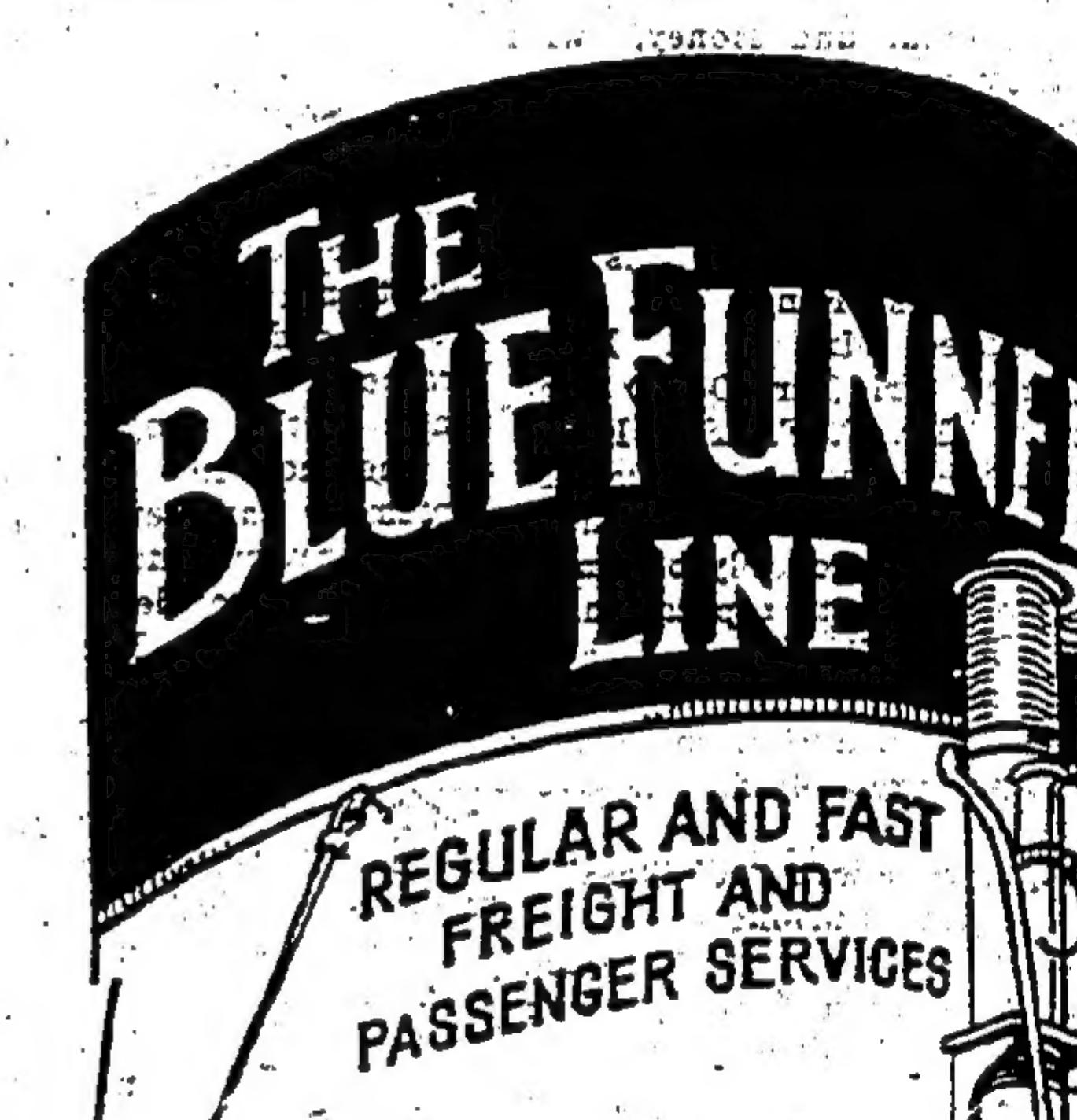
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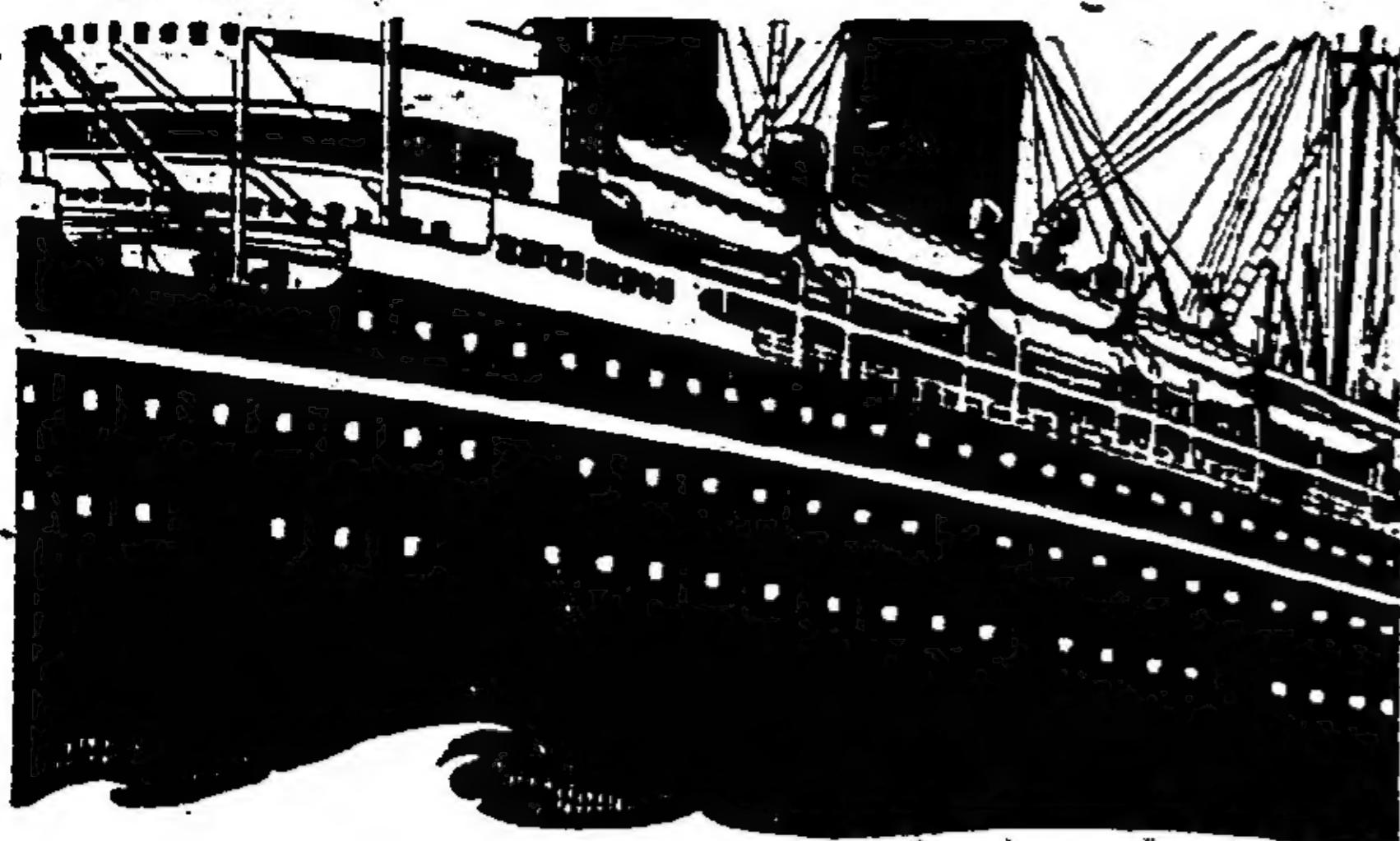
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RAWALPINDI	17,000	27th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London		
CORFU	14,500	11th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London		
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NANKIN	7,000	3rd July		

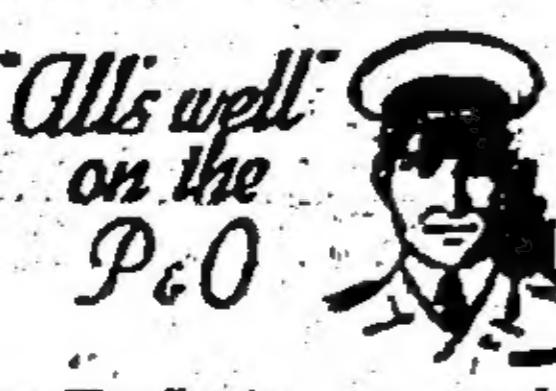
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Amusements

Cinema Notes

"I LIVE FOR LOVE"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

Dolores Del Rio, the exotic Mexican star, and Everett Marshall, the famous radio and operatic star, are featured in the leading parts in this musical comedy.

The picture is heralded as one of the unique productions of the day. Catchy, original songs were written for the picture by the famous team of Weibel and Dixon and are sung by Everett Marshall.

The story centres round Dolores del Rio, a tempestuous South American beauty and prima donna whose outbursts drive her Broadway producer frantic.

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With surprising strength for one so small he heaved Tommy from his feet and across one shoulder. Thus laden he began to climb higher up the path.

Presently he came to the place where the rope was still tied to the tree one end coiled as Tommy had pulled it up.

"Huh, so this is it? Wonder what the fool wanted to go climbing down there for? Well, he's only himself to thank for being too clever. We'll make it look as though the kid fell in looking for him. A nasty accident it'll be called. Here goes!"

He swung his limp burden further forward into his arms, and approached the edge of the cliff. "Oh, no, you don't, you blighter!"

The supposedly limp boy suddenly stiffened, one arm crooked round Benger's neck, and his feet dropped to the turf.

A swift jerk and a kick; he had tripped Benger headlong, and they rolled on the ground locked together.

The dirt-track rider gave a snarl like that of a trapped wolf. He made desperate efforts to get his hands to the youngster's throat, but Hawke's assistant was tough, also he had been well trained by the detective in all the arts of jiu-jitsu. He got a lock that left the other helpless.

This gave him breathing space, time to lift his head and shout.

"Coming!" came a voice from down over the edge of the cliff, and the trapped man stiffened as though jabbed with a pin.

"You—you young fiend! You tricked me!"

"I reckon so," grinned Tommy, retaining his hold. "Here he is, guy'nor. The brute tried to throw me over the cliff after I pretended to faint."

The head and shoulders of Dixon Hawke appeared over the top of the cliff. He was dusty and looked cold, but otherwise quite intact. A moment or two later he had slipped the handcuffs on to Harry Benger and had lugged him to his feet by means of his collar.

Scores of the beautiful girls in Hollywood take part in novel dances staged by Bobby Connolly.

"FRONT PAGE WOMAN"—STAR THEATRE

This picture is one of the most realistic and exciting of newspaper screen dramas, with Bette Davis and George Brent in the stellar roles.

It is entirely different from any other newspaper play and deals with the bitter rivalry of two reporters, a woman and a man, on opposition papers who are really in love with each other but out to do their best to "scoop" each other.

Bette Davis plays the part of the female reporter, while George Brent is the other reporter who is in love with her but who scorns her ability, which eventually beats him at his own game.

Others in the cast include Walter Walker, Carroll Naish, Dorothy Dare, June Mantel and George Benavent.

"GRAND EXIT"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

Edmund Lowe is the G-man of the fire-fighters—matching clues and kisses with a blonde baby who knows more about arson than love! That is the exciting romantic theme of Columbia's "Grand Exit," a thrilling comedy-drama.

Lovely, beauteous Ann Sothern is seen as the golden-tressed will-o'-the-wisp who gagged her sleuthing suitor with his own wisecracks. When he picked her up—she threw him down—making trouble for him even when he threw her into jail!

Suspecting Miss Sothern's complicity in a series of mysterious fires, Lowe, chief detective of the

THE FADED SKID

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It was Harry Benger, miffed in a big coat against the chill sea breeze.

"The guy'nor's fallen over the cliff. The rope you bought him must have broke. He's—he's gone!"

"Gone! Jove, this is terrible. Are you sure he—he hasn't been caught up somewhere and isn't waiting to be saved?"

"No," snarled Tommy Burke. "I shouted myself hoarse. He didn't reply. He's been smashed to pieces."

He swayed, and became a dead weight in the man's arms.

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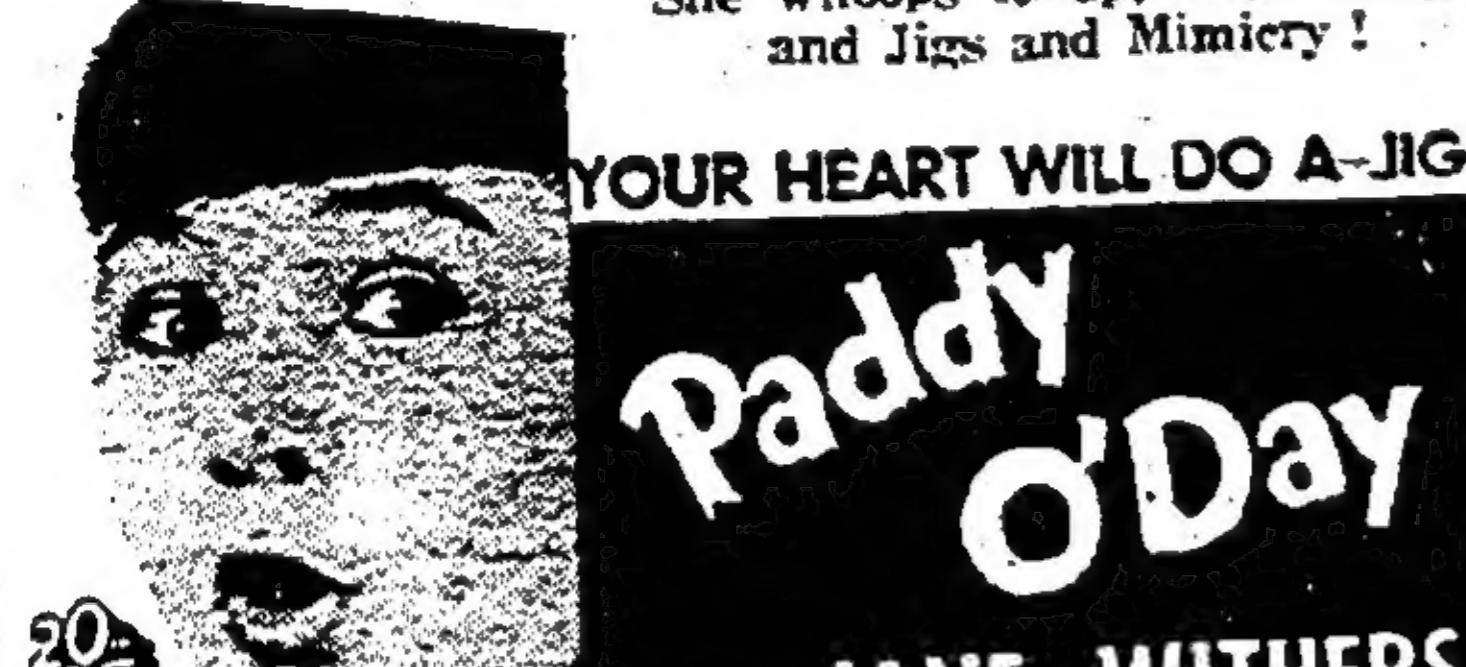
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FRANCO-SOVIET PACT BACKGROUND

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The Text of the treaty and the German objections, together with the French reply on the compatibility of the treaty with the Covenant and Locarno, and the British, Italian and Belgian answers accepting the validity of the treaty, are published and also a communication by the German Government on August 1, 1935, noting with satisfaction the declaration of the Locarno guarantors that their rights and duties could not be prejudiced or altered by the act of another signatory.

The series of documents records the repeated and persistent efforts of the British Government, from February 1935 until the very eve of the German remilitarisation of the Rhineland, to secure progress with the negotiations for an air pact and air limitation, as the first stage of establishing confidence and security in Europe and co-operation between France and Germany in the work of consolidating peace.

Action was taken, it transpires, both in Berlin and Paris, but so far as Germany was concerned difficulties of one sort and another successively intervened to prevent the German Government from giving definite replies to the points raised from London.

CONSTANT BRITISH EFFORTS
The Blue Book will help to provide the public with the background in recent history to the various proposals which figure in the present discussions and, in the numerous "peace-plans," official and unofficial, which are in circulation. The story of the negotiations revealed in the documents is of constant exercise by the British Government of its good offices with a view to hastening agreement on the main points of the programme of settlement, and the newspaper comment that it should have the effect of dispelling many misconceptions, both at home and abroad, of the growing deterioration of international relations in Europe.

It recommends new rules for the conduct of the elections and the counting of the votes, and also the appointment of a committee to define the responsibilities and duties of the senior officials of the Council.—Reuter.

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FRENCH PEACE PLAN

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that this was the era of grievances, but that afforded no justification for action which left it in doubt whether, when the era of grievances was closed, resort might again be had to the method used by Germany.

There could be no hope of a settlement unless they could be absolutely and positively sure that no such method would be resorted to again in any circumstances.

TRUST BEGETS TRUST
The Staff conversations which were to take place, Lord Halifax emphasised, were only concerned with the discharge of the existing obligations in the event, which he hoped would never occur, of unprovoked aggression. There was not any hope of peace by a return to the pre-war system of alliances, but regional understanding which

would reinforce the obligations of the Covenant would aid its object of guaranteeing in advance resistance by all disposable means to any wanton disturbance of peace.

The Government stood by their obligations and because these were more specific in the West it did not mean they did not apply to the East. With the single object of securing peace the Government were engaged in an examination of the German memorandum of April 1.

Lord Halifax said he hoped

France and Belgium would be not

less willing than Britain to give

full recognition to the rightful

claim of Germany to equality, but

he also hoped the German Govern-

ment would recognise its responsi-

bilities to Europe. Trust begot

trust. To establish peace conflicting

prejudices and obligations must

be set aside, and the interest of

Europe must be reconciled as a

whole.—British Wireless Service.

ELECTIONS IN SHANGHAI

Enquiry Committee Reports

NEW RULES RECOMMENDED

Shanghai. To-day. The Committee of three, a Briton, an American and a Japanese, appointed by the Municipal Council to enquire into the election scandal, finds that the responsibility for the failure to make a complete count of the votes must be shared by the two scrutineers, Messrs A. J. Welch and G. Booson, the Secretary of the Council, Mr. J. R. Jones, and the Deputy Treasurer of Revenue, Mr. V. H. Bourne.

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SIX HOURS' SILENCE

Berlin. Later: No news of the

airship Field Marshal von

Hindenburg has almost completed

the crossing of the Atlantic on

its homeward journey. At noon

yesterday it passed over the Cape

Verde Islands and was approaching

the Canary Islands.—Reuter's

Bulletin Service.

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CONTACT RE-ESTABLISHED

Later: The Norddeutscher

Lloyd radio station has re-es-

tablished contact with the Hin-

denburg.—Reuter.

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